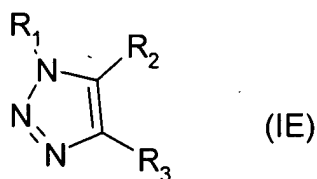


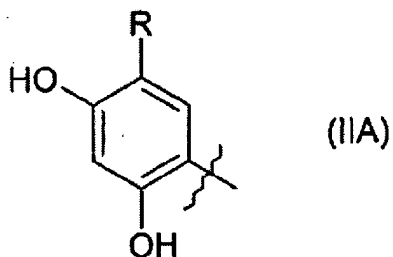
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (IE) or a salt, ~~or N-oxide, hydrate~~  
~~or solvate thereof, for use in human or veterinary medicine:~~



wherein R<sub>1</sub> has the formula (IIA):



wherein R represents bromo, chloro, phenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl)

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen or

a carboxamide radical; or

a non aromatic carbocyclic or non aromatic heterocyclic ring wherein a ring carbon is optionally substituted, and/or a ring nitrogen is optionally substituted by a group of formula -(Alk<sup>1</sup>)<sub>p</sub>-(Z)<sub>r</sub>(Alk<sup>2</sup>)<sub>s</sub>-Q wherein in any compatible combination

Alk<sup>1</sup> and Alk<sup>2</sup> are divalent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkylene or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenylene radicals,

p, r and s are independently 0 or 1,

Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, -(C=S)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -C(=O)O-, -C(=O)NR<sup>A</sup>-, -C(=S)NR<sup>A</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>-, -NR<sup>A</sup>C(=O)-, -NR<sup>A</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>A</sup>- wherein R<sup>A</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, and

Q is hydrogen or a carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical;

wherein each of Alk<sup>1</sup>, Alk<sup>2</sup>, and Q are optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, mercapto, mercapto(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, halo (including fluoro and chloro), trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, nitrile (-CN), oxo, phenyl, -COOH, -COOR<sup>A</sup>, -COR<sup>A</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>A</sup>, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHR<sup>A</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -OCONH<sub>2</sub>, -OCONHR<sup>A</sup>, -OCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NHCOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCOOR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>COOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCONH<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONH<sub>2</sub>, -NHCONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NHCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, or --NR<sup>A</sup>CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, wherein R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are independently a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group; and

R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkynyl; or a carboxyl, carboxamide or carboxyl ester group,

PROVIDED THAT at least one of R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> is present and is other than hydrogen.

Claims 2-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is ~~phenyl~~ 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, 2- or 3-furanyl, 2- or 3-thienyl, or thiazolyl, optionally substituted by one or more of methoxy, ethoxy, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo, or trifluoromethyl.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is a carboxamide radical of formula -CONR<sup>B</sup>(Alk)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>A</sup> wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene radical,

n is 0 or 1,

R<sup>B</sup> is hydrogen or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl group,

R<sup>A</sup> is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring,

or R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an N-heterocyclic ring which may optionally contain one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and which may optionally be substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

18. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 17 wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH-, or -CH<sub>2</sub>CCCH<sub>2</sub>- radical.

n is 0 or 1 ,

R<sup>B</sup> is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, or allyl,

R<sup>A</sup> is hydroxy, hydroxy and/or chloro-substituted phenyl, 3,4 methylenedioxyphenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thienyl, N-piperazinyl, or N-morpholinyl,

or R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or N-phenylpiperazinyl ring.

19. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 17 wherein n is 0, R<sup>B</sup> is hydrogen and R<sup>A</sup> is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

20. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein  $R_3$  is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, trifluoromethyl, or hydroxyethyl.
21. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein  $R_3$  is a carboxamide group  $-\text{CONR}^B(\text{Alk})_n\text{R}^A$  wherein
- Alk is an optionally substituted divalent alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene radical,
- n is 0 or 1,
- $R^B$  is hydrogen or a  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkyl or  $\text{C}_2$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkenyl group,
- $R^A$  is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring,
- or  $R^A$  and  $R^B$  taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an N-heterocyclic ring which may optionally contain one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and which may optionally be substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.
22. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A method of treatment of diseases or conditions mediated by excessive or inappropriate HSP90 activity in mammals which method comprises administering to the mammal an amount of a compound of formula (IE) as defined in claim 1-, or a salt, ~~hydrate or solvate~~ thereof, effective to inhibit said HSP90 activity.
23. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The method as claimed claim 22 for treatment of immunosuppression; or the treatment of cancer; viral disease; diseases; inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, multiple sclerosis, Type I diabetes, lupus, psoriasis and inflammatory bowel disease; cystic fibrosis; or angiogenesis-related diseases disease such as diabetic retinopathy, haemangiomas, and endometriosis; or treatment for protection of normal cells against chemotherapy-induced toxicity; or

treatment of diseases where failure to undergo apoptosis is an underlying factor; or  
treatment for protection from hypoxia-ischemic injury due to elevation of Hsp70 in the  
heart and brain; or treatment of scrapie/CJD, Huntingdon's disease or and Alzheimer's  
disease.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a  
compound as defined in claim 1, or a salt ~~hydrate or solvate~~ thereof, together with a  
pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable carrier.